(d) Government regret the US decision. Our space and missile programmes are nationally accepted policies in developing our economy and safeguarding our national security, Government are resolved to achieving self-reliance in these and other fields of high technology.

U.S. Sanctions Against I.S.R.O.

249. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated the 12th June, 1992 stating that Government had prior knowledge of U.S. sanctions against ISRO;

(b) if so, what is the factual position; and

(c) what diplomatic efforts were made by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US conveyed its position to Government prior to the actual imposition of sanctions.

(c) Government reiterated its position on the peaceful nature of India's space programme and conveyed that the action contemplated by the US Government was not warranted.

NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH): Now I have to inform Members that the hon. Chairman has nominated Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan also on the Panel of Vice-Chairman.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

National Housing Policy

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the document entitled 'National Housing Policy'. [Placed Library *See* No. LT-2126/92]

I. Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the National Labour Institute, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Labour.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Labour Institute, New Delhi, for the year 1990-91, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2231/92].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Labour, under sub-section (3) of section 37 of the Apprentices Act, 1961:-

(i) S.O. No. 405, dated the 2nd February, 1991, specifying certain subject-fields as designated trades for Graduate and Technician Apprentices.

(ii) S.O. No. 2961, dated the 30th November, 1991 amending notification G.S.R. No. 1011 dated the 10th July, 1979 and G.S.R. No. 50 dated the 22nd December, 1980. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2118/92].